FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 4404

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Electric and Natural Gas - Safety Net Programs

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill provides for safety net programs for certain electric and gas customers to ensure that their utility services are not terminated during extreme weather conditions.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

This Bill contains several provisions relating to the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). These include allowing utilities to submit plans for disconnecting the service of special needs customers to ORS for review and approval; and approving the application forms to be used in the Winter Protection Program and the third-party notification program. This Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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